

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed June 17, 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

WITHDRAWN REJECTIONS

2. The following grounds of rejection are not presented for review on appeal because they have been withdrawn by the examiner: the obviousness-type double patenting rejections over copending U.S. Applications No. 10/614,114 and 10/781,240 (now U.S. Patent 7,338,926) are withdrawn in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed June 17, 2008.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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